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1. SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE VOERNORS
OF THE ARAB FUND FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (AFESD), THE
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ARAB AUTHORITY FOR AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT (AAAID)
HELD ITS FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING IN KUWAIT APRIL 16-17. ACCORD
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ING TO APRIL 17 PRESS RELEASE GIVEN OUT BY AFESD, 12 AAAID
MEMBERS - SAUDI ARABIA, KUWAIT, IRAQ, SUDAN, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES,
EGYPT, QATAR, MOROCCO, SYRIA, ALGERIA, SOMALIA, AND MAURITANIA-
AGREED THAT FIRST SEVEN COUNTRIES WILL BE REPRESENTED ON AAAID'S

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, WHILE LATTER FIVE ARE SUPPOSED TO NOMINATE TWO BOARD MEMBERS TO REPRESENT THEM. AAAID MEMBERS DID NOT NAME A HEAD FOR THEIR NEW ORGANIZATION, BUT AGREED THAT ONE "SHALL BE APPOINTED BY MEMBER COUNTRIES BEFORE THE END OF JULY 1977." ALSO, MEMBERS DECIDED TO PAY IN FIRST INSTALLMENT (10 PERCENT) OF 150 MILLION KD (1 KD EQUALS \$3.50) SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL BY JUNE 30.

2. FEW DAYS PRIOR TO MEETING AFESD DIRECTOR SAEB JAROUDI PREDICTED TO E/C SECTION CHIEF THAT AAAID WOULD NAME BOARD OF DIRECTORS BUT NOT HEAD OF ORGANIZATION AT ITS FIRST MEETING, COMMENTING APRIL 18 ON MEETING, AFESD OFFICIAL DR. KHALIK TAHSIN ALI, WHO HAS BEEN FOLLOWING AAAID CLOSELY, TOLD EMBOFF THAT MORE ACTION ON AAAID HAD NOT BEEN POSSIBLE BECAUSE A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES HAD NOT RATIFIED AAAID'S ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT, AND MANY DELEGATIONS HAD NOT REALLY BEEN PREPARED TO DISCUSS AAAID MATTERS. ALI SAID IT WAS INFORMALLY AGREED THAT THE REMAINING FIVE AAAID MEMBERS WOULD NAME TWO DIRECTORS BY MAY 15. ALSO, ALI SAID, AS A RESULT OF A SEPARATE MEETING BETWEEN SUDANESE DELEGATE AND AFESD DIRECTOR JAROUDI, IT WAS AGREED THAT AFESD WOULD ASSIST IN UPDATING AND REVISING THE AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT PLAN FOR THE SUDAN, WITH THE HOPE THAT AN AAAID MEETING ON THIS SUBJECT WOULD BE HELD IN KHARTOUM BY THE END OF MAY.

3. LIBYA ATTENDED AFESD BUT DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN AAAID MEETINGS. ASKED ABOUT THIS, DR. ALI SAID THAT WHILE LIBYA HAD SIGNED ORIGINAL DOCUMENT SETTING UP AAAID IN RABAT IN APRIL, 1976, IT HAD NOT PARTICIPATED IN ANY DISCUSSIONS OF THE ORGANIZATION SINCE THAT TIME. WE ASSUME THIS IS BECUASE THE ORGANIZATION IS HEAVELY FOCUSED ON PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO SUDAN.
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4. IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUERY AS TO WHETHER AAAID PRESIDENT MIGHT NOT BE AN AFESD OFFICIAL, DR. ALI LAUGHINLY REPLIED THAT SOMEONE MUCH MORE POLITICAL THAN HIMSELF PROBABLY WOULD BE APPOINTED. HE SHOULD BE IN KHARTOUM WITH FEW WEEKS ON AAAID BUSINESS AND WILL LOOK UP DCM BOGOSIAN.MAESTRONE

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